SUBJECTS.

*Dewan's reply.*—The question of allowing the local cultivation and manufacture of articles of monopoly is a difficult one. We shall have to be very careful to see that the public revenue does not suffer. If articles of monopoly are allowed to be cultivated within the State, that will require a lot of supervision, as otherwise we may lose revenue. Some time ago, Government issued orders to try ganja cultivation in the High Ranges and in selected places in South Travancore. We shall watch the experiment carefully and ascertain the results before proceeding further.

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*VI. Sanitation, Vital Statistics and Medical Relief.*

**53. Disposal of rubbish and night-soil of the town.**

*Mr. V. A. Ramakrishna Iyer* (Member, Town Improvement Committee, Trivandrum) said that, with the funds allotted by Government, the Town Improvement Committee has not been able to do anything more than to organise a system of street sweeping and private scavenging, that the system in force for the disposal of rubbish and night-soil in towns was not satisfactory, that the rubbish was being allowed to accumulate in private compounds to the detriment of the public health and to the loss of municipal revenue, that the sites used for their deposit were inadequate and a source of considerable injury to the public health and that the Sanitary Commissioner had condemned the state of things, but had not proposed any definite scheme on the subject. To ensure a good system of sanitation in a town like Trivandrum, he suggested the construction of a number of latrines with self-acting flushes, the acquisition and maintenance of big compounds in the corners of the town for depositing rubbish and night-soil, and the adequate provision for dumping the same underground, so as to convert the whole into manure useful for agriculture. In view to carry out these measures, he proposed that Government might ask the Sanitary Commissioner to suggest definite and practical means.

*Dewan's reply.*—The matter is under correspondence between Government and the Town Improvement Committee. But if the member gets his fellow members of the Committee to agree with him, there is nothing to prevent them from sending up their proposals. We shall then consider them. If you require the advice of the Sanitary Commissioner, I shall send him over to help you.

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